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Dear FCC,

It appears that Media Consolidation comes up every few years in virtually any administration. Consolidation was not a good idea in the past and it will not be a good idea in the future. Allowing any media conglomerate to gain too much access to a particular area of our country is a real blow to our democracy. It limits information available to the public and in the case of media giants such as Fox News it can actually be providing spurious information to the public. It also leads to decrease reporting especially locally when news rooms are closed and reporters are laid off. Consolidation all around, leads to less depth in reporting and makes it more difficult for the public to make informed decisions.

As a citizen, we have the right to expect that the FCC will promote the vitality and diversity of our information infrastructure. This proposal to allow consolidation does nothing to do that. I strongly urge you to drop this proposal. It is not a good idea, hasn't been in the past and will not be in the future.

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